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 - d. the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstracts,
 - e. the concise explanation set forth on a separate sheet attached to the following references:

JP 62-119012 (JP 62-119012 corresponds to Japanese Utility Model Application No. 61-006882), JP 09-205382, JP 10-209901, JP 57-007604, JP 10-13280, JP 2000-101353 and JP 2002-94345

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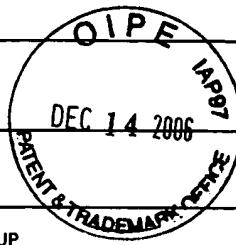
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AH	09-205382	8/1997	JP			Abstract
	AI	10-209901	8/1998	JP			Abstract
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	AK	10-13280	1/1998	JP			Abstract
	AL	2000-101353	4/2000	JP			Abstract
	AM	2000-323944	11/2000	JP			Abstract
	AN	2002-94345	3/2002	JP			Abstract

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